

# Living on a Lake in the Country: A Formula For Serenity

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Discovering a secret haven for serenity that no one else really knows about takes some doing. Sometimes it's found by divine intervention, sometimes by diligent research. Finding this place that's still open, quiet and not overrun with humans is hard to come by, let alone accessible and reasonably priced in a resort vacation community.



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This formula for serenity is found in a place called Fishhawk Lake, a private lake community nestled in the coastal range of Oregon, hidden away from every part of urban living.

Poems have been written about this lake. People play piano, harp and guitar while visiting here. A local writer had a heron die in his arms and his life was forever changed because of it. People live long and thrive here.

Neighbors really know each other. It's like a throwback to the 50's, when things were simpler, families spent quality time together and the true essence of community was alive and well. That's

what it's still like at Fishhawk Lake. People wave at each other, regardless of whether they know you or not. You'll see folks taking walks around the lake who will stop and chat with someone gardening or puttering around their yard. Everything moves at a slower pace. People will just pop in to say hello. There is a feeling of camaraderie. Whether it's a spontaneous dinner, card game, or getting a group together to hike in the woods, it's all a welcome part of living on this lake in the country.

It is a destination to share with your immediate family to create a lifetime of memories and place a deep foundation of consideration for Mother Earth and Mother Nature early in a child's life that they will treasure forever.

There is such a deep quiet, that you can step outside and literally hear NOTHING.

But it can awaken all of your senses to your surroundings that city living can't offer.

I went on an early morning walk one day and counted nine different birdcalls. You can hear the liquid sounds of a fish jumping in the first daylight hours as well as at twilight. The nights can be so dark that you will often have the pleasure of seeing shooting stars regularly.

Hearing the repetitive hoot of a late night owl coming through your open window or the crunching sounds of an otter enjoying his fresh catch of fish under your dock is a common part of lake life. Elk and deer cross your path regularly

throughout the seasons. Hearing the prehistoric sound of a great blue heron squawking as it takes flight over the lake or watching a bald eagle stand still in the lake waters while hunting for fish offer great photo opportunities. It is an escape, a retreat from the hectic world, a soul-surrendering safe place to let go of the world's angst and indulge in all of the joys that nature offers.

One of the nicest qualities of quiet lake living is that you won't hear the buzz of motorboats. Because Fishhawk Lake is also our water source, we welcome kayaking, canoeing, pedal boats, rowboats and electric powered pontoons only. You get the pleasure of gliding along the water while enjoying the sounds that a lake like this offers—the trickle of water dripping from a paddle, the laughter of someone across the lake, the splash of people playing at the water's edge or swimming over by the clubhouse. One of the best moments is to see someone gracefully slipping across the top of the water in the breaking dawn, rowing gently by as if the lake belonged completely to them. These are magical moments that some people go their whole lives never experiencing. We have these simple pleasures presented to us every day at Fishhawk Lake. Just take your cup of coffee and step out onto your back deck to watch the mist rise over the lake and take in the peace of a



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morning in your own slice of paradise. From the glassy mirrored surfaces of the placid morning waters to the watercolor sunsets, you will find that this place quells your spirit.

So, put your feet up, sit a spell and enjoy the crisp clean coastal air, take a deep breath, embrace being in the moment and let your senses soar!

*If you're in the market to purchase real estate at Fishhawk Lake contact Gayle Rich-Boxman at 503-755-2905.*

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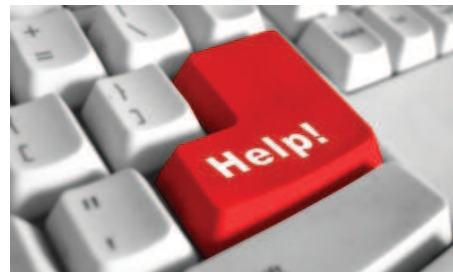
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